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regards the suggestion that the Inspector and Sub-Inspector may be transferred, it may possibly help the thieves if this is done, but the Inspector-General of Police knows his work."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether anybody has been placed under suspension on this account? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" I have answered the question under ' transfer.' I do not think that anybody has been placed under suspension, because, as I have already said, it will greatly help the thieves if the men who know the facts are moved from the place."

Measures, if any, for checking the evil arising from lotteries and prize competitions.

* 24 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to refer to the answers given to my questions Nos. 4 and 5 on the 15th August 1938 and to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have enquired and found the extent of evil arising from lotteries and prize competitions so great as to need legislation to check the evil; and

(*b*) if so, when a Bill will be brought before the Legislature for the purpose?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No enquiry was made in the matter; but the Government are aware that the evil exists. Necessary legislation will be undertaken as early as possible."

Alleged cancellation before the due date of the licence granted to the Venkatesa Touring Talkies, Tiruturaipundi.

* 25 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate of Tanjore cancelled the licence issued to the Venkatesa Touring Talkies, Tiruturaipundi, in the month of May 1939 even before the expiry of the period for which the licence was granted;

(*b*) what the reasons are for the cancellation of the licence;

(*c*) whether the licence was cancelled on receipt of any complaint;

(*d*) if so, who the complainant is and to whom the complaint was preferred;

(*e*) whether any enquiry was made to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the complaint;

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(*f*) whether any appeal was preferred to the Government by or on behalf of the proprietor of the Venkatesa Touring Talkies; and

(*g*) whether the Government will place on the table the complaint received, if any, the appeal petition of the proprietor of the said Venkatesa Touring Talkies and the orders passed thereon?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*), (*c*) & (*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The licence was cancelled as Tiruturaipundi is a small place where there is a permanent cinema and as the continuance of a second cinema there might produce unhealthy competition.

" (*d*) The complainant was the proprietor of the Sundaram Talkies, Tiruturaipundi, and the complaint was preferred to the Government.

" (*f*) A petition was sent to the Government on behalf of the proprietor of the Venkatesa Touring Talkies.

" (*g*) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by placing these papers on the table of the House."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Government made any enquiry before they ordered the cancellation of the licence?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" No, Sir; I have said in the answer that a single cinema would be sufficient for a place like Tiruturaipundi."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister visited Tiruturaipundi recently?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" As far as I am aware, not very recently, Sir; I think I went there about three months ago."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the cancellation was ordered by the Hon. Minister when he came to Tiruturaipundi or afterwards?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I am not sure of the exact date, but I believe it was long before I visited the place."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether there was any black flag demonstration when the Hon. Minister came to Tiruturaipundi?"

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" That is not a supplementary question."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I said then that I did not object to such black-flag demonstration."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the cancellation had anything to do with the black-flag demonstration ? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think the hon. Member must know better; because perhaps he was himself responsible for the black-flag demonstration. (Laughter) I am afraid he is mistaken there, because I said that even then I did not mind the black-flag demonstration."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR :— 11-15 a.m.
" I may state that I was in Madras when the Hon. Minister visited the place and that I had no hand in the black-flag demonstration."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member has no right to comment upon the answer."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR :—" But that apart, Sir, does not the answer given by the Hon. Minister show that the cancellation was due to the prejudice of the Minister ? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No. I am afraid the hon. Gentleman is wrong in his presumption. I have made it clear that the black-flag demonstration had nothing to do with the cancellation."

Prevention of the import of foreign rice and paddy into South India.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government addressed the Government of India regarding the prevention of the import of foreign rice and paddy into Southern India ; if so, when and with what result ?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" The answer is in the affirmative. This Government have made several representations to the Government of India, the latest being in July 1939. The final result will be known when the Government of India arrive at a decision in the matter."

SRI T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" In view of the large number of Indians in Burma in various walks of life, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to furnish information to the House as to how far the prevention of the import of rice from Burma would act and react upon the interests of Indians there ? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I must have notice of the question, Sir."